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1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM DIPLOMATIC AGENCY IN RESPONSE OUR NOTE OF MARCH 25 ON BACHNER CASE. NOTE STATES THAT WHILE EIGHT AMCITS INFRINGED UPON LAW AND COMMITTED INCIDENTS IN LENINGRAD IN 1973, NO RPT NO AMCIT WAS DETAINED QUOTE FOR QUESTIONING/INTERROGATION (DLYA DOPROSA) UNQTE IN 1973 (QUOTES IN ORIGINAL). AS FOR BACHNERS, NOTE STATES CUSTOMS FOUND MATERIAL IN THEIR BAGGAGE WHICH IS NOT PERMITTED EXPORT FROM SOVIET UNION; MR. BACHNER ALLEGEDLY SIGNED "AKT" (STATEMENT) OF INCIDENT; AND BACHNERS LEFT WITH TOUR GROUP. ACCORDING TO NOTE, BACHNER DID NOT REGISTER ANY CLAIMTO MATERIALS WITH AUTHORITIES. NOTE CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT QTE IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO FIND OUT AFTER THIS LENGTH OF TIME WHETHER MR. BACHNER AND HIS WIFE WERE INTERESTED IN ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE. UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: NOTE IS OBVIOUSLY UNFORTHCOMING BOTH IN PORTRAYAL OF BACHNERS AS VIOLATORS OF SOVIET CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND IN FAILURE TO DEAL WITH OUR CONTENTION OF APPARENT VIOLATION OF CONSULAR CONLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VENTION. AT THIS REMOVE, HOWEVER, WE DOUBT FOLLOW-UP WOULD

PRODUCE ANYTHING MORE RESPONSIVE: OUR LATE MARCH PROTEST
OF EARLY-DECEMBER INCIDENT CERTAINLY LESSENED IMPACT, AND FURTHER
CORRESPONDENCE WOULD BELABOR WHAT SOVIETS APPEAR TO CONSIDER A DEAD
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